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**The Canadian Campaign.**  
Although, properly, it has no place in the equation of annexation, we shall see the conservative spellbinders use the cry for all it may be worth. Its real value time must determine. The Canadians are not emotional, but even hard-headed, long-headed people are sometimes influenced by a skillful play upon their prejudices; and such a play is now on the cards by the opponents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A chance remark of Mr. Clark in the House last winter when the reciprocity pact was under consideration suggested this cry to the Canadian enemies of the pact. Of course, Mr. Clark had no thought, no intention, of complicating matters. In favoring the pact he merely mentioned that many Americans favored annexation. He did not seek to connect reciprocity and annexation, but only to show that so well conditioned was feeling in this country toward Canada that an annexation of all lines between the two countries had its advocates.

Nor was there anything new in the declaration. Annexation is an old theme on both sides of the fence. Canadians as well as Americans have favored it. But the matter has never gone beyond discussion more or less into the new relations—or rather the resumption of old relations—between Canada and America respecting free trade.

But Mr. Clark's prominence and growing influence in our politics gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier's enemies a cue, and Mr. Clark boom for President increases the value of what that cue has created. Canadian voters are warned as though Mr. Clark were certain to lead his party next year, to be elected, and then to busy himself, with the aid of the great power of the presidency, toward bringing about complete union between America and Canada.

It is, of course, a mere bugaboo. Neither of our principal parties has the remotest idea of making annexation a feature of its program next year. The question is not active with us at all. Our hands are full of other things which cannot be postponed. The trusts, the tariff, the railroads, the currency are pressing. Besides, we have much to consider both in the Philippines and in Alaska, where the flag is flying. Why talk about raising it elsewhere until development under it in territory already American is all that the occasion calls for?

Uncle Sam is not maneuvering through this pact for political union with Canada. It expresses upon its face all that he desires and has in mind. The future will take care of itself. Both America and Canada are governmental affairs. Both are growing fast. As they are neighbors, they should be close friends. Mr. Taft and Sir Wilfrid Laurier have taken an important step toward strengthening the bond between the two countries, and both countries will be injured if their work is defeated by an appeal to the people in which buncombe is made to play an important part.

**Maryland's Blue Laws.**  
The complete closure of all Sunday amusement places in Maryland, under the old blue laws which were incorporated into the state constitution from the English system, is much to be preferred, as a matter of fact, to the present state of those laws by general consent. If Maryland wants a rigid Sunday closing law it has but to enforce that which has been on the statute books for generations. On the other hand, if it does not desire such a law it has its recourse to the state legislature and the power to repeal the fundamental restrictions upon individual liberty.

The repeal of a statute by non-enforcement is never safe. It always leads to corruption of greater or less degree. New York has had many experiences of this kind. It was wise when it repealed the laws which were enforced, against a great hubbub of protest, have never been repealed. The truth is that there has not been a sufficient public demand for their repeal.

It may be that the enforcement of the blue laws in Maryland will create a public sentiment for a change, and that out of the prosecutions and closures in the counties will come an organized movement to effect the modification of the statutes. Meanwhile, it is highly desirable to ascertain whether law in Maryland, as elsewhere, means anything. If it is a vital force it should be applied without discrimination or compromise, and if the people of the state desire a change they should be required to make it in accordance with the prescribed forms of legislation.

Possibly Dr. Wiley may yet congratulate himself on the attention brought to germ-chasing as a greatly underpaid profession.

to confirm the measure—only a short time will be necessary for it to show its real quality. If that quality is good the friends of the pact will be justified; if bad, they will be discredited as to their judgment in giving it life.

But for arguments sake, let us suppose the pact a failure, and both America and Canada moving for its repeal. Would even that result induce the republicans to retire Mr. Root from the Senate, and put in his place a man of no greater weight politically than Mr. Wakenman, who is known only as a tivity in a restricted field? Granted his personal worthiness, and his loyalty to the principle of protection, he may not be described as of senatorial size.

On the other hand, for argument's sake, let us suppose the pact a success, and performing all claimed for it—both in America and Canada. Would that settlement on both sides of the line strengthening for a long continuation of the arrangement. In that event what will be left of Mr. Wakenman's appeal? Who will care for Wakenman then? Who will know—unless he calls fresh attention to the fact—that he ever was a candidate for the Senate?

When the republicans of New York, three years hence, take up the question of Mr. Root's successor, they will consider it on a much broader basis than Mr. Root's vote for Canadian reciprocity. He is a broad and able man—the recognized leader of the American bar while he was in practice, and even after only two years' service one of the leaders of his party in the Senate. His state and the country at large were fortunate when he consented to accept a senatorial commission. That he will continue to grow as a senatorial quantity is certain, and that his party will need him is supported by a mere glance at the members of the Senate. Its losses there in the past few years have been heavy. Mr. Root is one of the strongest men remaining. To retire him—if the republicans of New York control the situation when the time comes—for a man of Mr. Wakenman's caliber would be a most amazing performance.

**Fools and Murder Cases.**  
Every sensational murder case breeds a large crop of fools. Especially is this true in the case of the recent murder of a woman in the city of New York. The idiotic people pressing themselves forward for notoriety or anonymous association with the tragedy. In the latest Richmond crime there has been the usual output of sensation-seeking cranks and maudlin sympathizers, reaching a climax in the man who offers to associate himself with the place of the accused husband for the sum of \$5,000. This man, however, is no worse than the writers of letters to the woman witness now held in custody, offering themselves in marriage to her.

The abnormality that leads people to take a keen personal interest in persons of no importance in the most revolting crimes passes understanding. There was, for instance, the case of Ethel Leneve, the companion and possibly the accomplice of Crippen, who slew his wife in London. No sooner had the pair been captured on their flight to Canada than the girl was besieged by matrimonial and other offers from men who were in the most alluring terms. People who had never seen her wrote to her letters of endearment that they should have been ashamed ever to acknowledge.

Without doubt, the woman in this Richmond case could, even without the slightest suggestion of talent, make a comfortable fortune "on the stage." She has already received what are described as attractive offers from vaudeville managers, her acceptance of which is necessarily somewhat handicapped by the uncertainty of her future. Why any one would want to see such a person in a public performance, beyond normal comprehension. Yet the fact remains that there is a tremendous, unwholesome, curiosity to see such people.

The man who has offered to die as a substitute for Beattie may be genuinely sincere. Human suffering unquestionably at times reaches the point where such desperate measures are justified. There must be a form of insanity in such a case, however, for a man in a normal condition of mind could hardly expect to fool a judge and jury by a substitution so easily disproved. There is rather more likelihood in the theory that this enterprising person hopes to attract attention to his needy condition by playing on public sympathies in this sensational manner.

The tour of Gaby Deslys would of course be more of a success if she could persuade some of her distinguished acquaintances to accompany her and appear regularly in the audience.

The suspension from practice of the lawyer who defended Crippen is another example of how difficult it is to hold English justice when it gets started.

Mayor Gaynor is not thinking of the presidency. He can find as much to keep him busy in street railway franchises as he would in a tariff bill.

There is no reciprocity requiring that American and Canadian statesmen shall read each other's tariff speeches from beginning to end.

The house of lords faces the proposition to create new peers with no faith in the idea that there is strength in numbers.

and effective protest against any action which will result in placing in power in Haiti a government so friendly to Germany that such a grant as that of a naval station or coaling base would follow as an act of reciprocal consideration. The Monroe doctrine would be definitely violated by any territorial grant whatever to Germany, however small in acreage. It would be flagrantly violated by the grant of a strategic naval station.

A student of insects declares that an ant hill two feet in height was inhabited by nearly 100,000 ants. The smart little animals may have been padding the census.

Mr. Carnegie cannot fail to observe that there is a great deal of interesting reading about the steel trust that cannot be found in any library.

It is a question whether there can be universal peace if certain writers insist on comparing the United States Senate with the house of lords.

The proportion of his term that Mr. Lorimer may have to devote to meeting investigation is a matter of indifference to his accusers.

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"Does he sing or play?"  
"No. But he cries piteously when Bilgins tries to."

**A Stanza From Wall Street.**  
It was a melancholy tale  
The veteran had to tell:  
"Water, water, everywhere,  
But none to drop to sell."

**Counting Up.**  
"Think of the golden moments you have wasted playing bridge," said the serious friend.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Flimig, regretfully, "besides a lot of silver coin and paper currency."

**The Sign of Superiority.**  
"Some of the primitive instincts linger in the highest civilization," said the statesman.

"Yes," replied the ethnologist, "many of our communities cannot get away from the idea of having all have that a man who manages to get possession of a high silk hat is thereby qualified to be a leader."

**Outlaws.**  
When Uncle Jabez says it's time  
To clean his favorite pipe  
He acts like he was bent on crime  
Of a most dreadful type.

Aunt Jane says, "Smokin's a mistake,"  
An Cousin Sallie calls,  
"Pa, if you must, for pity's sake,  
Put on some overalls!"

He hooked some hairpins from the shelf.  
The little scissors, too,  
Ma has to manicure herself  
Have disappeared from view.

He has some wires long and short.  
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